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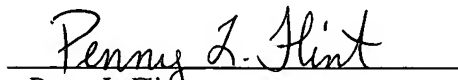
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Dear Examiner:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2005, for which the
three-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on February 16, 2005.
While Applicants believe that no extension of time for response is necessary, should the

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Office determine that any additional fees are necessary for this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

Amendment to the **Specification** begins on page 3 of this paper

Amendment to the **Claims** is reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

Entry of the Amendments below and consideration of the Remarks that follow is respectfully requested.